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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Current Directorate of Administration Activities 25X1

1. Telecommunications service [redacted] was upgraded on 14 September 1981 with the activation of Medium Speed High Frequency (MSHF) mode of operation. The MSHF allows for the operation of a radio circuit at increased transmission speeds. As an example, [redacted] cable traffic, which would have normally taken [redacted] to receive, was cleared in just [redacted] A9c4.1

2. [redacted] gave a background and status briefing on SAFE to Mr. Bush of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Intelligence Staff on 14 September. Also present were Mr. Lipton, CIA Comptroller; [redacted] DIA Comptroller; and [redacted] Deputy SAFE Project Director. In addition to the overall briefings, [redacted] addressed Mr. Bush's specific areas of concern regarding the SAFE development effort. [redacted]

4. Due to severely escalating operational training requirements in support of covert action programs, [redacted] has an urgent requirement for an additional operational training site. Procurement authority was granted to [redacted] to procure the modular housing units consisting of five each 28 foot by 60 foot units and one each 28 foot by 40 foot unit. The order is in the process of being placed with [redacted] and it is anticipated that delivery will commence about mid-October or early November. [redacted] A9c5.1

6. On 11 September, the External Activities Branch, Office of Security, provided a Defensive Area Briefing to Mr. Ronald R. Nelson, a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The briefing was requested by the Office of General Counsel and concerned travel [redacted] by Mr. Nelson from 12 to 24 September. [redacted] A9c2.24

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25X1 7. Approximately 350 students have enrolled in language classes to be offered at Headquarters this fall. Instruction will be given in 10 languages (Spanish, French, German, Italian, Romanian, Hungarian, Russian, Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese). ☐

8. Dale Van Atta's FOIA request was completed for 15 years of unclassified Studies in Intelligence articles, vignettes, etc. The Office of Training and Education processed 280 unclassified items totalling 1,150 pages for the years 1966 to 1980. Mr. Van Atta, a journalist working for Jack Anderson, will be charged for search and copy fees.

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